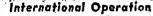
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The tentacles of this sprawling mun!. tions combine, an intricate corporate mazo known as International Armaments Corp., or the Interarmoo Group, reach as

far as Geneva, Panama, Copenhagen. Salzburg, Monte Carlo, Pretoria, Helsinki and Buenos Aires. Until recently, but for assessination.

revolution, or both. Cummines could have had testimonials from such satisfied customers as the Dominionn Redublic's Truiillo, Cuba's Ratista, Panama's Remon or

Nicaragua's Samosa.

Among his current clients, in addition to our own NATO allies and an impressive list of pro-West European and South American countries, are Yugoslavia's Tito and Indonesia's Sukarno, along with a scattering of Mideast potentates

Perkany because most people tend to think of his dealings with the unsavory customers, rather than the reputable an old and an deadly an way itself, the wrath of Sen. Thowas Dodd ID Conn.) and his Senate Lidiciary Subcommittee seems to have descended upon Samuel

Plainly, this articulate world traveler. who neither drinks nor smoles, is no snister gunrunner who lurks in waterfront cinmills hunting a charce to peddle a clandestine cargo of weapons, he ques-

To hints that he might trade with the Soviet bloc, he save that though he has been approached he would not deal with them, aside from the moral consider-plant (hipport, "hecause the price is always out of line."

Would he trade with Sovjet satellites? "Why should they bother to buy when Russia gives them anything they want?"

The days when a man like Europe's Sir Basil Zaharoff, the lemendary arms king of the early 20th Century, could amass a \$100 million fortune unsuper-

Men like Zaharoff could make millions because in those days there were no international gun controls. But to-day, the blunt truth is that illicit trade in weapons is just too complicated, not to mention too risky,

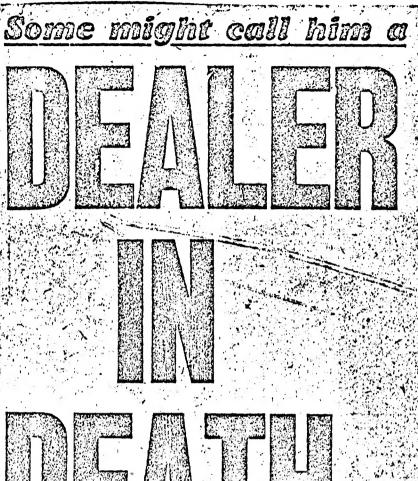
Arms traders are closely watched by embassy staffs, there are customs bu-reaus and tax men to worry about, import licenses to buy, and, in the case of, Interarmeo, State Department embar-

goes on gun trading in several areas.

It has been illegal to supply arms to, any Carribbean nation since 1959, had for the last three years Americans have been barred from the African weapons trade. These restrictions cut off two largest where appelled in the last three periods are trade. markets where smoldering political ten-sions had created a tremendous demand for weapons of any sort.

THEN, in 1963, came President Ken-nedy's assassination in Dallas . . . and with it a clamor for a national gun con-

sen. Dodd's asbcommittee began to. hammer out a bill, atill la committee, to eurb the sale of chean mail order years Sanitized - Approved For Release Clarabor 5-00149R000800070040-6



But millionaire arms king Samuel Cummings says he heips the

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By.GEORGE NOBBE

N WASHINGTON, Samuel Cummings, 37, told a properly shocked Senate subcommittee recently that he owns the largest private arsenal in the world-big enough to equip 300,000 troops at a moment's notice-within mortar range of the Capitol.

This big, brash, bearish young man, looking more like a Sunday school teacher than a monitions king, calmly without exaggeration.

tinent except Antarctica." Dealing in surplus guns, planes; tanks, ships, swords and even uniforms, Cummings and his omnipresent agents have built an arms empire, buying and selling the world's surplus weapons on the proven theory that what's obsolete to one nation needn't be to another,

Right now, in the bulging water houses clustered along, his Potomac River docks in Alexandria. Va., there are close to 400.000 pistols and rifles, There's no telling how many more are stacked up in similar collection points outside of